



VIA EMAIL

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Re: LSA Document #21-213/ Economic Impact Statement

Mr. Comeau,

Pursuant to Indiana Code 4-22, as the Small Business Ombudsman, I have reviewed the economic impact analysis for small businesses associated with the rule changes contained in LSA Document #21-213 proposed by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

Based on my assessment as the Small Business Ombudsman, I have concluded that the proposed rule will not have a negative impact on small businesses.

The economic impact statement prepared by Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission states, "There is minimal economic impact for compliance by small businesses. The rule revision will not significantly change manner in which small businesses currently comply with minimum pipeline safety rules overall."

Based upon this statement and review, the Small Business Ombudsman supports the proposed rule related to the economic impact to small business if the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission conclusion reflects the actual result after promulgation. If you have any questions about these comments, please contact me at glannan@iedc.IN.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Lannan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and a long, sweeping underline.

Greg Lannan
Small Business Ombudsman